

<p style="text-align: center;">IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</p>	<i>Application Number</i>	09/989,674
	<i>Filing Date</i>	Nov. 21, 2001
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Gordon L. Woods
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1617
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	S. A. Jiang
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	2404-105
<p><i>Title of the Invention:</i> Method for Regulating Levels of Zinc, Cadmium and Calcium in Humans and for Diagnosing or Screening for the Risk of Developing, Diseases Associated with Abnormal Levels of Cadmium, Zinc and Calcium</p>		

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, Applicant requests that the rejections of the claims be reconsidered in view of the following comments and amendments to claims 20-25. Claims 1-19, 26-60 and 62-63 have been cancelled.